H. R. 369.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 28, 1825.

Read.

AN ACT

Concerning wrecks on the Coast of Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 1 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any ship or vessel shall, after the passing of this act, be 3 4 engaged or employed in carrying or transporting any pro-5 perty whatsoever, taken from any wreck, from the sea, or from any of the keys or shoals within the jurisdiction of the United 6 States, on the coast of Florida, to any foreign port or place, 7 every such ship or vessel so engaged and employed, together 8 with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be wholly forfeit-9 ed, and may be seized and condemned in any court of the 10 United States, or territories thereof, having competent juris-11 diction. 12

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all property, of 1 every description whatsoever, which shall be taken from any 2 wreck, from the sea, or from any of the keys and shoals, within 3 the jurisdiction of the United States, on the coast of Florida. 4 shall be brought to some port of entry within the jurisdiction 5 aforesaid. 7 And be it further enacted, That all and every 1 forfeiture or forfeitures, which shall be incurred by virtue of 2 the provisions of this act, shall accrue, one moiety to the in-3 former or informers, and the other to the United States, and 4 may be mitigated or remitted, in manner prescribed by the 5 act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the 6 forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities accruing in certain cases 7 therein mentioned," passed the third day of March, one 8 thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and made perpe-9 tual by an act passed eleventh February, one thousand eight 10

February 28th, 1825.

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Passed the House of Representatives.

Attest, M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE, C. H. R